



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re
Application of: Tanner, et al.
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For: SURGICAL GUIDE ASSEMBLY AND SEPARATOR FOR USE DURING
A SURGICAL PROCEDURE
Attorney Docket #: 23660-00623

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sirs:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 4, 2003, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks. Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Applicant's Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.